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1. The Bulgarian Trudovak forces are composed of the following brigades:
 - a. The 1 Brigade, in Sofia;
 - b. The 2 Brigade, in Plovdiv; this unit is chiefly engaged in construction along the Greek frontier; it has battalions in Kurdzhali, Ustrem (N 42-02, E 26-26), Topolovgrad Okoliya, and a detachment working on military barracks in Plovdiv;
 - c. The 3 Brigade, in Burgas; this unit is working on fortifications along the Turkish frontier; it has battalions in Elkhovo and Stefan Karadzovo (N 42-13, E 26-49);
 - d. The 4 Brigade, in Shumen;
 - e. The 5 Brigade, in Turnovo;
 - f. The 6 Brigade, in Gorna Dzhumaya; this unit is working on fortifications along the Yugoslav frontier;
 - g. The 7 Brigade, in Stara Zagora; this unit is working on the construction of an airfield at Ravnets (N 42-31, E 27-14), Burgas Okoliya; jet planes are to be based at this field;¹ the unit is also constructing another field at Uzundzhovo (N 41-58, E 25-39), Khaskovo Okoliya;² planes based at this latter airfield will be used for the defense of Dimitrovgrad;
 - h. The 8 Brigade, in Chabla (sic), Balchik Okoliya; this unit is working on fortifications along the Black Sea Coast; and
 - i. The 9 Brigade, headquarters unknown; this unit is subdivided into detachments assigned to various military construction projects.

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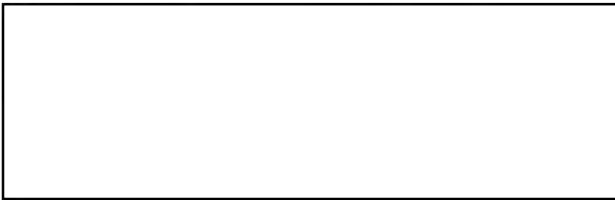
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2. The personnel of the Trudovak forces is composed as follows:
- a. 15 percent, men exempted from ordinary military service for health reasons;
 - b. 16-20 percent, students who, for political reasons, have been forced to leave the schools at which they were studying;
 - c. 4-6 percent, men expelled from universities for political reasons;
 - d. 3-4 percent, young Communists who are serving a term with the Trudovaks and intend to become commanders, controllers, or spies; and
 - e. The remainder come from various places.

The Trudovaks include Pomaks, Czechs, or youth from other Bulgarian minorities. Most of these oppose the Communist regime.

3. The incorporation of the Trudovaks into the regular Army and the extension of the Trudovak term of service has provoked general discontent among the Trudovaks.³

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